water by pumps or common lifts. They are willing to pay such water cess as may be fixed by Government and they pray that their wish may be gratified.

Dewan's reply.—Permission can be granted. It was notified that it would be granted as an experiment on the first five miles of the Chikdevaraysagar Channel but no one has availed himself of the offer.

20th October 1891, *afternoon.*

Subject No. 312.
Transfer of Melkote to Krishnarajapete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—While Melkote was attached to the Krishnarajapete Taluk, the Amildar was constantly supervising the temple affairs and so every thing in the temple was properly conducted. It now belongs to Seringapatam Taluk and owing to its distance from Taluk Head-quarters is less looked after. It is therefore requested that Melkote should again be transferred to the Krishnarajapete Taluk, the Firkas of Kannambadi and Hoskote of this Taluk being given to Seringapatam in lieu.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration.

Subject No. 313.
Concessions for failure of early rains this year.

Summary of discussion.—For this year owing to the failure of the early rains, we in the Krishnarajapete Taluk are in need of some remissions of assessment for failure of crops and some extension of khists beyond the period ordered under the revised Khistbandi.

Dewan's reply.—We shall consider this hereafter.

Subject No. 314.
Appearance of Mukhtiyars in Revenue cases.

Summary of discussion.—Mukhtiyars, though not qualified Vakils, should be allowed to appear in Revenue matters before Amildars as well as they do now in Criminal cases. To insist on Vakils alone appearing will be to unduly increase the cost of Revenue Proceedings.

Dewan's reply.—There is no rule prohibiting the appearance of such Mukhtiyars. An explanatory circular will be issued.

Subject No. 315.
An Honorary Secretary for the Dasara Representative Assembly should be appointed.

Summary of discussion.—By establishing the institution of the Dasara Representative Assembly, great facilities have been secured for His Highness' Government becoming acquainted with the happiness and the grievances of His Highness' subjects and for redressing the latter ; also the loyalty and devotion of the people to His Highness the Maharaja have thereby been greatly promoted. But members who assemble here change every year. When they come to the Capital, they feel some embarrassment by finding difficulty in knowing where the members from all parts of the country should meet, the manner in which they should take part in the Proceedings, the respects due from them to the Sovereign and the Government and similar matters. Therefore it is requested that some member who without wishing for any remuneration or other return for his work will devote himself to the welfare of people should reside at the Capital. During

the interval between the dissolution of one Assembly and the meeting of the next Assembly, he should be the means of representing to Government the wants of the people as they may be communicated to him. And when the members meet here during Dasara, he should be their Secretary. If this arrangement be ordered, there will be little left for the people to desire.

Dewan's reply.—The Government cannot appoint one to be Honorary Secretary to the members of the Dasara Representative Assembly. But if the Assembly would nominate one, Government would recognize him.

Subject No. 316.

Peshkars are wanted for large Taluks like Krishnarajapete more than Tank Inspectors.

Summary of discussion.—The Krishnarajapete Taluk is a large Taluk, and the Amildar has a great variety of duties to perform which take him out on frequent circuits so that he does not stay more than three months in a year at Head-quarters. Parties are put to great inconvenience in going to out-stations for their cases. The Sheristadar should therefore have 3rd Class Magisterial powers and Registration work. The Tank Inspectors recently appointed are of little use. A Peshkar instead would be more useful and cost little more.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 317.

Exemption of Shetti Yejmans from Mohatarfa tax.

Summary of discussion.—The Shetti Yejmans of the Fort and the Petta at Krishnarajapete are influential and respected members of the community. When the Town was founded under the orders of his late Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadayar, they were invited to take up their residence here, and be headmen of the trading community. They were treated with every consideration by His late Highness, and have been useful to the Sarkar in giving effect to their orders. They were exempted from all Mohatarfa taxes till recently. But as the imposition of house and shop taxes on them is against their *àbru*, and the amount involved is small (being Rs. 4 or 6), it is prayed that the former exemptions may be continued.

Dewan's reply.—They continue to be exempted in villages. But no exemptions are permitted within Municipalities. By paying Municipal taxes they only contribute to their own local wants and works.

Subject No. 318.

Kukarhalli Tank in Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Kukarhalli Tank should be supplied with water from the Cauvery river drawn at some point on the river sufficiently high to command the levels. It is understood that some point near the Saligram Anikat will furnish a suitable site for the necessary works.

Colonel Bowen.—The levels give a fall of $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet per mile dropping to six feet above the Kukarhalli Tank kodi level. The channel will be about 60 miles long.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya (Representative from the Rate-Payers' Association, Mysore) submitted that other alternative